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U.S. Rice Share 48% in 4th OMA Rice Tender 2001

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Report Highlights:

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Results of First - Fourth FY2001 Ordinary Rice Tenders (Metric Ton)

Country	Туре	Quantity			
		First (5/9/01)	Second (7/19/01)	Third (10/19/01)	Fourth (11/14/01)
United States	Medium Grain (Brown) Medium Grain (Milled) Broken Rice (Milled) TOTAL	0 0 0 0	0 0 277 277	0 42,360 5,640 48,000	0 63,120 8,880 72,000
Australia	Medium Grain (Brown) Medium Grain (Milled) Broken Rice (Milled) TOTAL	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	7,000 19,100 3,900 30,000	0 17,440 3,560 21,000
Thailand	Long Grain (Milled) Broken Rice (Milled) Long Grain (Glu, Milled) Broken Rice (Glu., Milled) TOTAL	1,300 3,700 0 0 5,000	1,700 3,300 0 0 5,000	9,860 140 0 0 10,000	29,450 3,150 400 2,000 35,000
China	Long Grain (Milled)	0	0	10,000	20,700
	GRAND TOTAL	5,000	5,277	98,000	148,700
	WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE, YEN AND (\$) PER MT	n.a.	23,981 (\$195)	41,056 (\$339)	36,595 (\$302)

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